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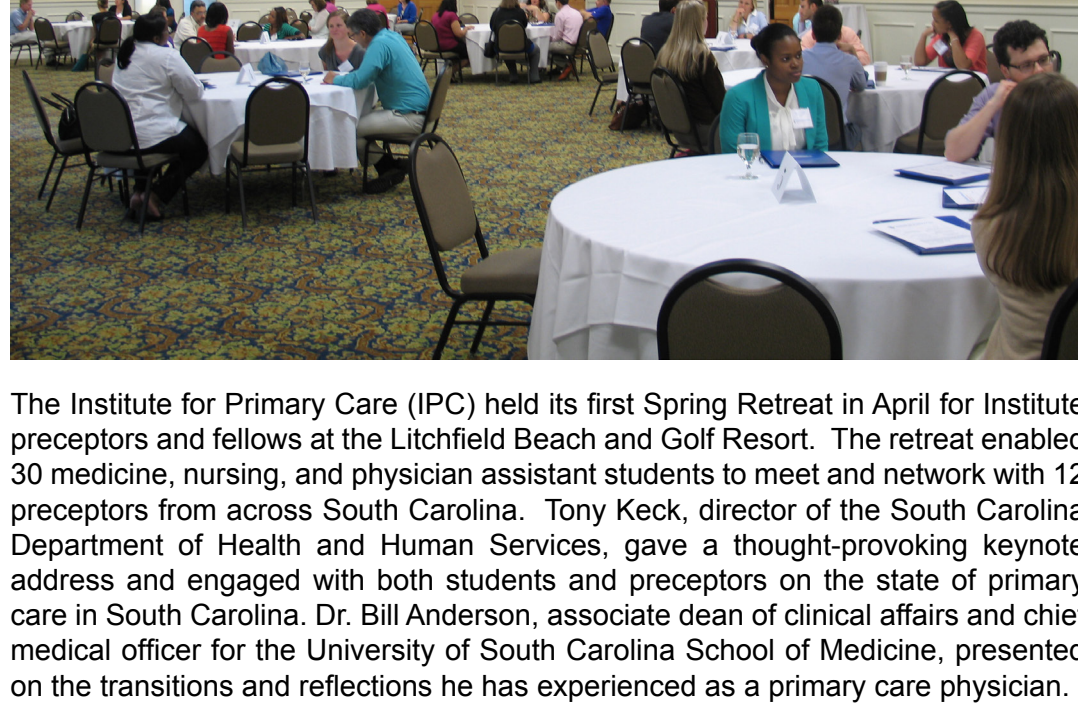
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The Institute for Primary Care (IPC) held its first Spring Retreat in April for Institute preceptors and fellows at the Litchfield Beach and Golf Resort. The retreat enabled 30 medicine, nursing, and physician assistant students to meet and network with 12 preceptors from across South Carolina. Tony Keck, director of the South Carolina Department of Health and Human Services, gave a thought-provoking keynote address and engaged with both students and preceptors on the state of primary care in South Carolina. Dr. Bill Anderson, associate dean of clinical affairs and chief medical officer for the University of South Carolina School of Medicine, presented on the transitions and reflections he has experienced as a primary care physician.

The IPC, through funding from The Duke Endowment, serves to transform primary care by providing innovative professional and interprofessional development experiences for advanced practice nursing, medical and physician assistant students at the Medical University of South Carolina and the University of South Carolina who are interested in primary care careers. Students participate in monthly seminars focusing on various topics related to healthcare and primary care throughout the academic year, interacting with fellow students and core IPC faculty regarding a variety of interprofessional topics. This year 91 students at both campuses participated in monthly seminars and 34 preceptors have joined the Institute.

Additional information is available at: <http://scahec.net/primarycare>.

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Highlighted Events

Thursday, May 15
Integrating the 12 Step Model into Treatment Modalities

Saturday, May 17
2014 Prostate Health Videoconference

Tuesday, May 20
Common Drugs of Abuse- Nurse Practitioners

Wednesday, May 28
SCHOOLS: TITAN HIV Case Conference

Thursday, May 29
SCHOOLS: Aging: Part One

Wednesday, June 11
The Art of Leading

[For more information about events and a full listing of upcoming programs, please visit our website.](#)

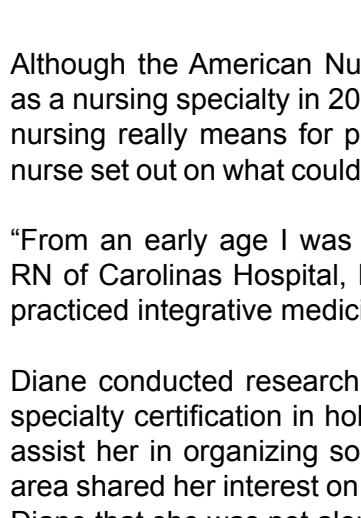
Featured Enduring CE

May Pediatric Morning Report: Abnormal Breast Development in an Adolescent

Available at [SCHOOLS https://www.scahec.net/schoolsregistration/Videos.aspx](https://www.scahec.net/schoolsregistration/Videos.aspx)

Visit South Carolina AHEC Regional Centers

Institute for Primary Care Fellow Awarded Renatta S. Loquist Graduate Nurse Scholarship



Pictured (left to right): Ashley Sirianni and Dr. Stephanie Burgess, IPC Core Faculty Member

Ashley Sirianni, a fellow in the Institute for Primary Care and an Advanced Practice Nursing Student at the University of South Carolina, was awarded the Renatta S. Loquist Graduate Nursing Scholarship by the South Carolina Palmetto Gold Nurse Recognition and Scholarship Program.

The scholarship recognizes caring and commitment to patients, families and colleagues; leadership; assistance to others' growth and development; positive promotion of the nursing profession; and high levels of academic success. Ms. Sirianni received the award at the 13th Annual Palmetto Gold Gala at the beginning of April.

Congratulations to Ashley Sirianni, RN, BSN, for her excellent achievements! South Carolina AHEC and the Institute for Primary Care are proud of you!

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Local Pee Dee Nurse Advances "Holistic Nursing"

Cheryl Neuner, Nursing CE Coordinator, Pee Dee AHEC

Although the American Nurses Association formally recognized "Holistic Nursing" as a nursing specialty in 2006, many nurses today remain unfamiliar to what holistic nursing really means for patient care. Such was the case when a Pee Dee local nurse set out on what could be considered both a personal and professional journey.

"From an early age I was involved in alternative medicine," recalls Diane Evans, RN of Carolinas Hospital, Florence, SC. "In the 70's, I worked for a hospital that practiced integrative medicine."

Diane conducted research and discovered that she could work toward earning a specialty certification in holistic nursing and began to work with Pee Dee AHEC to assist her in organizing some informational sessions to determine if others in the area shared her interest on this topic. As a result, 30 interested nurses confirmed to Diane that she was not alone in her interest.

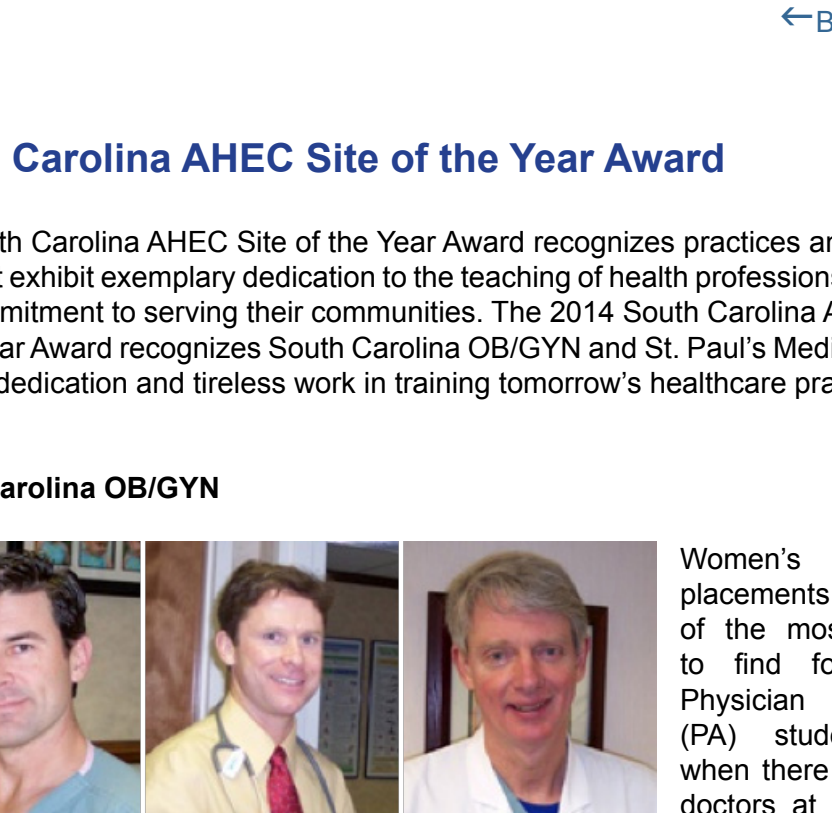
Diane's research also yielded an unexpected find in Wilmington, North Carolina when she discovered a clinical nurse specialist in pain management who is a practicing holistic nurse who has dedicated the past several years of her nursing practice to utilizing alternative methods to assist her patients in the management of pain. Ann Quinlan-Colwell, PhD, RN-BC, AHNBC is highly published in this topic and has experienced a rich nursing career including serving as the director of nursing at Sing Sing Correctional Facility in New York. As Dr. Quinlan-Colwell made educational advancements, she became certified in holistic nursing, served as adjunct faculty for a certificate program in holistic nursing in Massachusetts, and conducted hospice work where the promotion of comfort and alleviation of pain are primary concerns. She has remained a clinical nurse specialist in pain management, first at Duke University and currently at New Hanover Regional Medical Center in Wilmington, NC.

Dr. Quinlan-Colwell conducted a session entitled "What is a Holistic Nurse?" to assist professionals in recognizing that they can integrate these concepts into their own everyday practice. The hope is to increase awareness of holistic nursing and provide future programming incorporating holistic principles.

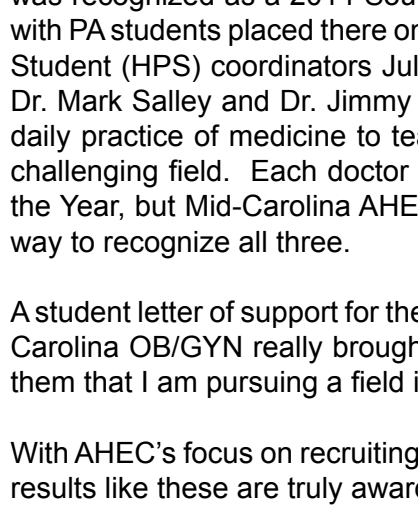
If you are interested in holistic nursing programs, please contact Cheryl Neuner at cneuner@mcloedhealth.org.

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South Carolina AHEC Michel Porter Ambassador Award



Pictured (left to right): SC AHEC Executive Director Dr. David Garr and Paula Jones

The South Carolina AHEC Michel Porter Ambassador Award recognizes a member of the South Carolina AHEC system who has made a major contribution to the enhancement of the South Carolina AHEC. This year, the South Carolina AHEC is proud to bestow the award to Paula Jones, MBA.

Ms. Jones joined the South Carolina AHEC Program Office staff in 1990. With over 20 years of service with AHEC, her responsibilities have progressed from administrative specialist to Health Careers Program coordinator. Ms. Jones modeled her commitment to education by pursuing and obtaining Associate and Bachelor degrees as well as a Master of Business Administration while working full time with AHEC.

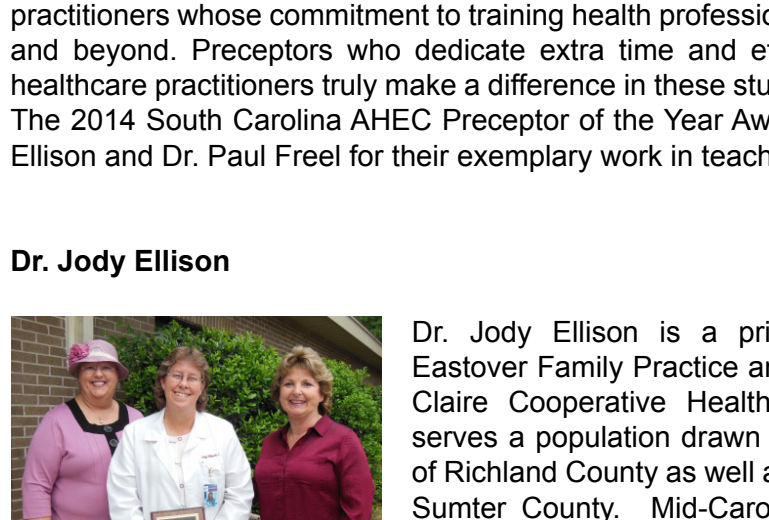
Ms. Jones' work with AHEC is distinguished by her dedication to excellence, value of knowledge and outstanding delivery of service. Ms. Jones exhibits a willingness to undertake new tasks and responsibilities with enthusiasm. Her tenacity in identifying and developing resources to support and promote programming have made her an invaluable member of the AHEC team. Most recently, she succeeded in establishing a relationship with the Teen Health Leadership Program at St. Johns High School. The program promotes health literacy and encourages health careers among young people of diverse backgrounds while promoting leadership skills.

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South Carolina AHEC Site of the Year Award

The South Carolina AHEC Site of the Year Award recognizes practices and training sites that exhibit exemplary dedication to the teaching of health professions students and commitment to serving their communities. The 2014 South Carolina AHEC Site of the Year Award recognizes South Carolina OB/GYN and St. Paul's Medical Group for their dedication and tireless work in training tomorrow's healthcare practitioners.

South Carolina OB/GYN



Pictured (left to right): Dr. Robert Grumbach, Dr. Mark Salley and Dr. Jimmy Stands

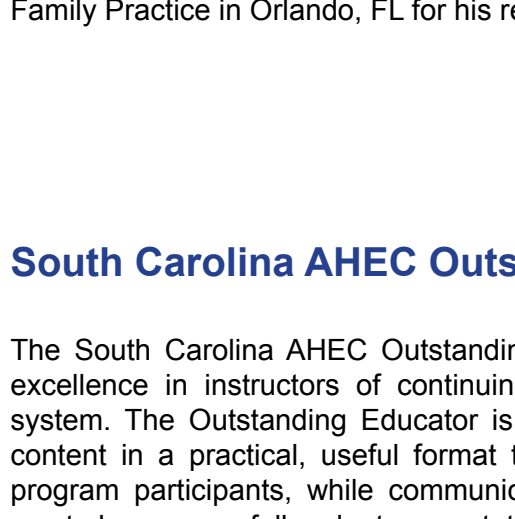
Women's health placements are one of the most difficult to find for MUSC Physician Assistant (PA) students, so when there are three doctors at one clinic who are willing to take students all year long, the clinic deserves special recognition.

Mid-Carolina AHEC was pleased that South Carolina OB/GYN was recognized as a 2014 South Carolina AHEC Site of the Year. The clinic works with PA students placed there on clinical rotation by Mid-Carolina Health Professions Student (HPS) coordinators Julie Ghent and Jeff Cauthen. Dr. Robert Grumbach, Dr. Mark Salley and Dr. Jimmy Stands take valuable time and energy during their daily practice of medicine to teach these PA students knowledge and skills in this challenging field. Each doctor could have easily been nominated for Preceptor of the Year, but Mid-Carolina AHEC believes the selection of the entire site is a great way to recognize all three.

A student letter of support for the award states, "Dr. Stands and his partners at South Carolina OB/GYN really brought out my passion for OB/GYN, and it is because of them that I am pursuing a field in women's health."

With AHEC's focus on recruiting and retaining health professionals in needed areas, results like these are truly award-winning.

St. Paul's Medical Group



Pictured (left to right): Lowcountry AHEC HPS Coordinator Kim Stephens, Marsha Devalan, HPS Coordinator Emily Warren

St. Paul's Medical Group in Hollywood was founded by Marsha Delavan, PA-C, after her retirement from the Navy. This is one of the few clinics in South Carolina that has off-site designation to be run by a physician assistant. St. Paul's Medical Group is dedicated to providing quality, affordable healthcare to the community. The clinic serves many of the town's medically underserved population. Marsha and her staff are dedicated to ensuring access to care and believe in an open door policy.

Lowcountry AHEC health professions students have benefited from a wide variety of experiences at St. Paul's Medical Group. The students primarily come from MUSC's College of Nursing and the Physician Assistant Program in the MUSC College of Health Professions. However, they collaborate with local technical schools to also precept medical assistant, certified nursing assistant and health information technology students.

Each year the practitioners and their staff volunteer to provide hours of clinical education to students from various health professions. It is their dedication to the education of the next generation of health professionals that allows their students to be better prepared to practice medicine and excel in healthcare. The staff and preceptors have always worked hard to provide a quality learning experience for the students.

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South Carolina AHEC Preceptor of the Year Award

The South Carolina AHEC Preceptor of the Year Award recognizes healthcare practitioners whose commitment to training health professions students goes above and beyond. Preceptors who dedicate extra time and effort to shape emerging healthcare practitioners truly make a difference in these students' lives and careers. The 2014 South Carolina AHEC Preceptor of the Year Award recognizes Dr. Jody Ellison and Dr. Paul Freel for their exemplary work in teaching students.

Dr. Jody Ellison

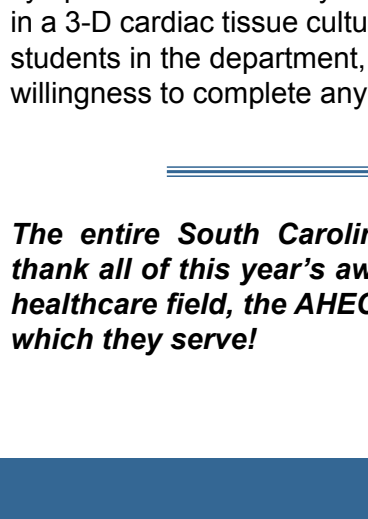


Pictured (left to right): Mid-Carolina HPS Coordinator Julie Ghent, Dr. Jody Ellison, Mid-Carolina Center Director Cheri Plyler

Dr. Jody Ellison is a primary care provider at Eastover Family Practice and a member of the Eau Claire Cooperative Health Centers network that serves a population drawn from the most rural part of Richland County as well as a large portion of rural Sumter County. Mid-Carolina Health Professions Student (HPS) coordinators Julie Ghent and Jeff Cauthen can speak to Dr. Ellison's dedication to her patients and students. The students she has trained also speak highly of her as a preceptor.

One student writing a letter of support for her nomination stated, "Another invaluable gift Dr. Ellison possesses is her interprofessional demeanor and involvement of nurses, technicians, and other staff with the care of patients while asking their opinions." A second student noted, "All her patients really admire and respect her, and many of them told me how lucky I was to be working with her."

Dr. Paul Freel



Pictured (left to right): Dr. Paul Freel, Pee Dee HPS Coordinator Pam Richardson

Dr. Paul Freel practices at Dillon Family Medicine, a full service family center for adults and pediatrics in Dillon, SC. Dr. Freel readily accepts students into his practice. He encourages them to care about their patients and to involve themselves in their communities. He coordinates mission trips yearly to serve patients in other countries in need. He is a truly dedicated physician who is willing to sacrifice his time to share the rewards of medicine with his students. It is always a pleasure to work with Dr. Freel. He is sincerely compassionate about his patients, the community, and the education of our future healthcare professionals.

A native of Michigan, Dr. Freel attended Mt. Vernon Nazarene College in Mt. Vernon, Ohio for his undergraduate studies. He then attended Eastern Carolina University School of Medicine in Greenville, NC for his medical degree and Florida Hospital Family Practice in Orlando, FL for his residency program.

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South Carolina AHEC Outstanding Educator Award

The South Carolina AHEC Outstanding Educator of the Year Award recognizes excellence in instructors of continuing education in the South Carolina AHEC system. The Outstanding Educator is selected based on their ability to present content in a practical, useful format that meets the needs and expectations of program participants, while communicating material enthusiastically. Educators must also successfully adapt presentations to address multiple learning styles. The 2014 South Carolina AHEC Outstanding Educator Award recognizes two excellent educators from the South Carolina AHEC system: Pam Bartley and Wilma Rice.

Pam Bartley



Pictured (left to right): Upstate CE Coordinator Bennie Pettit and Pam Bartley

Pam Bartley, RN, BS, CEN, CCRN, CPEN, has served as an exceptional professional trainer for Upstate AHEC for over five years. Always confident before an audience, Pam exhibits great enthusiasm for her topic and a passion for teaching others very complex clinical topics and skills. She is a well-respected and recognized educator for continuing education courses and has successfully educated hundreds of nurses and other professionals in South Carolina.

Participants routinely rate Ms. Bartley highly after attending her programs. Comments have ranged from indicating Bartley as the "best teacher I have ever had" and expressing that "one of her greatest strengths is her experience in the nursing field, being a bedside nurse helps her reach nurses on their level." Her passion is evidenced by her energy, presentation style and ability to engage the audience.

Wilma Rice

Pictured (left to right): Lowcountry Center Director Diane Matthews, Wilma Rice, Lowcountry CE Coordinator Diana Caron

Wilma Rice, MSN, RN, CEN, has worked with Lowcountry AHEC and the South Carolina AHEC system for many years delivering needs-based continuing education programming. In addition to teaching a variety of continuing education programs, Mrs. Rice also developed programs for Lowcountry AHEC.

Furthermore, Mrs. Rice has been an ardent champion of the SCHOOLS network for the last three years. She helped to relocate videoconferencing equipment to another facility within the Roper St. Francis Healthcare System in order to ensure its availability and usage for continuing education programs. In the process of relocating this equipment, Mrs. Rice went out of her way to ensure its functionality and have her personnel properly trained on its use.

Partners and program participants recognize Mrs. Rice's excellence in education. They note that she is, "an effective communicator and educator. Her presentation style is professional and engaging. The material she covers is well researched and offers many references to the participants."

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South Carolina AHEC Gateway Award

Pictured (left to right): SC AHEC Director of Health Careers Program Angelica Christie and Dr. Dwight Dimaculangan

The South Carolina AHEC Gateway Award recognizes individuals whose contributions make a significant impact on South Carolina AHEC, its programs, and the communities it serves. The 2014 South Carolina AHEC Gateway Award was given to Dwight Dimaculangan, Ph.D., to recognize his outstanding promotion of the Bench to Bedside (B2B) initiative and his commitment to the successful matriculation of undergraduate students into health professions education programs. Dr. Dimaculangan is a professor of biology, department chair, and director of undergraduate research at Winthrop University.

Dr. Dimaculangan's support of AHEC's B2B program has translated into the addition of the course "Bench to Bedside: Pre-health Professions Education" to the Winthrop undergraduate course offerings. The course introduces students to various careers in health while focusing on common preventable conditions that negatively impact the health of South Carolinians. The course is also taught as an inter-collegiate experience with Coastal Carolina University students participating via the AHEC SCHOOLS videoconference network.

Dr. Dimaculangan received his Ph.D. in molecular and cellular biology at the University of South Carolina and completed a National Institutes of Health (NIH) postdoctoral fellowship at the University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine in Philadelphia prior to joining the faculty at Winthrop in 1994. His research interests while at Winthrop have centered most recently on the molecular mechanisms of cytoplasmic male sterility in tomato plants and the cellular effects of oxidative stress in a 3-D cardiac tissue culture system. "Dr. D." as he is fondly referenced by biology students in the department, is known for his unyielding support of students, and his willingness to complete any task for the betterment of programming and curricula.

The entire South Carolina AHEC system would like to congratulate and thank all of this year's award winners for their excellent contributions to the healthcare field, the AHEC system, and the communities of South Carolina in which they serve!


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INURSE: Introducing Nurses to Unique Resources to Support Evidence-Based Practice
Mental Health and Weight Loss Surgery
Managing Heart Failure: Where's the Sudden?
Documentation for Nurses


To view a program, visit ahecu.org.

AHEC Happenings



The Lowcountry Healthy Start team attended a Lowcountry AHEC continuing education program at the Regional Medical Center in Orangeburg entitled, "Children, Stress and Trauma."

3rd Annual
Telehealth Summit of South Carolina



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